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1. LABATT MET JUNE 7 WITH MOL LABOR STANDARDS BUREAU DIRECTOR KUWABARA, FORMER JAPANESE EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE WAKABAYASHI AND MS. FUJII TO REVIEW MOL'S PREPARATION FOR MINISTER FUJII'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY MARSHALL JUNE 16.

2. BOTH KUWABARA AND WAKABAYASHI RECONFIRMED THAT MOL REGARDED AS MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF VISIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOL AND MOL THAT OFFICIALS OF BOTH AGENCIES WOULD MEET AGAIN IN FUTURE TO CONTINUE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. THEREFORE, MOL EXPECTED SECRETARY MARSHALL TO PROPOSE SUCH CONSULTATIONS AND MINISTER FUJII TO ACCEPT BY INVITING SECRETARY TO LAUNCH CONSULTATIONS IN TOKYO AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME. WHEN FUJII MET WITH JAPANESE PRESS CORPS FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SECRETARY, HE WOULD HIGHLIGHT THIS AGREEMENT AS MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENT OF VISIT. IN THIS CONNECTION, MOL HOPED THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD AVOID USING TERM "PERIODIC" TO CHARACTERIZE FUTURE CONSULTATIONS BECAUSE  
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WHEN TRANSLATED INTO JAPANESE THIS WORD IMPLIED ESTABLISHMENT OF SOME FORMAL CONSULTATIVE BODY REQUIRING CABINET DISCUSSION IF NOT APPROVAL.

3. WITH REGARD TO SUBSTANCE OF JUNE 16 TALKS, APART FROM ITEMS SUGGESTED IN TOKYO 8837, KUWABARA SAID FUJII WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON CURRENT

BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON ANY RECENT MOVES AMONG CONGRESSMEN OR LABOR LEADERS TO SEEK PASSAGE OF PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION. (FUJII WILL BE FIRST CABINET MINISTER IN U.S. SINCE VISIT OF PRIMIN FUKUDA LAST MONTH.) KUWABARA AGREED THAT FUJII WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN NON-TECHNICAL EXPLANATION OF DOL'S ROLE IN USG PROGRAMS OF AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. WAKABAYASHI SAID THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN ASKED BY MINISTER FUJII TO JOIN GROUP IN WASHINGTON AND, THEREFORE, HOPED HE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN SECRETARY'S WORKING LUNCH. WAKABAYASHI ALSO SAID THAT MOL'S DECISION TO HAVE KUWABARA, CANDIDATE FOR FUTURE VICE MINISTER, ACCOMPANY MINISTER WAS INDICATION THAT TOP CAREER OFFICIALS OF MOL FULLY COMMITTED TO PROGRAM OF EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH DOL WHICH WOULD CONTINUE EVEN AFTER MINISTER IS REPLACED IN NEXT CABINET RESHUFFLE.

5. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS OBVIOUSLY DESIRABLE FOR US TO INITIATE THESE NEW EXPANDED CONTACTS IN VERY FRIENDLY AND INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE, JULY 16 MEETING WILL PROVIDE SECRETARY MARSHALL WITH IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND GOJ THAT CURRENT IMBALANCES IN TRADE RELATIONSHIP MUST BE ADJUSTED IN ORDER TO PREVENT PROTECTIONIST MOOD IN SOME QUARTERS OF U.S. LABOR MOVEMENT FROM GETTING OUT OF CONTROL. MANSFIELD  
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